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For: Multi-Functional Data Card

Letter

Request for Information

This letter responds to the petition filed September 27, 2010.

The surcharge required when submitting a petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c) is \$1,640. Petitioner also submitted \$2,130 on September 27, 2010. The payment appears to include \$490 for the required maintenance fee and \$1,640 for the surcharge. In view of the \$2,130 payment, Petitioner appears to be seeking relief under 37 CFR 1.378(c). However, the petition form filed by Petitioner is titled, with emphasis added, "Petition to Accepted *Unavoidably* Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in an Expired Patent (37 CFR 1.378(b)."

The Office requests Petitioner clearly indicate the type of petition Petitioner wants considered. In other words, should the Office treat the petition as a petition under 37 CFR 1.378(b) or as a petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c)?

Petitioner should submit the requested information within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this letter. Extensions of time may not be obtained. No additional fee is due for a response to the instant request for information. The response to this Requirement for Information should include a cover letter titled "Response to Request for Information." The failure to file a reply to the instant Request for Information will be interpreted as a desire to no longer pursue reinstatement of the patent and the Office will give no further consideration to the matter.

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